

Out & About Guide (Oxford & Surroundings)

(Oxford – ~20 min drive)

1. The social heart of the scene

The Jolly Farmers

A cornerstone of Oxford's LGBTQ+ community and one of the UK's longest-running pubs. Expect drag nights, karaoke, and a very mixed, welcoming crowd. Best for: casual evenings, meeting locals.

2. Club nights & pop-up events

Venues like The Bullingdon host club nights and themed parties.

Keep an eye out for student-led nights—Oxford's universities bring a lot of energy and inclusivity.

🌈 Events & Community

3. Pride & major gatherings

Oxford Pride

Usually held in summer, with a parade, live music, and community stalls.

Abingdon Pride

Smaller, grassroots, and very community-focused.

4. Local organisations (great for meetups & support)

LGBT+ Oxfordshire

TransOxford

They often run socials, workshops, and inclusive events—worth checking schedules if you want to connect beyond nightlife.

☕ Relaxed & Inclusive Daytime Spots

Oxford isn't packed with explicitly cafés, but it's broadly inclusive.

Jericho & Cowley Road areas = most LGBTQ+-friendly neighbourhood vibe

Try independent cafés, bookshops, and artsy spaces—very open-minded crowds

A few good starting points:

Jericho Coffee Traders – relaxed, creative crowd

Common Ground Workspace & Cafe – inclusive community feel

🌿 Low-key Options Nearby (Didcot & Abingdon)

5. Community over nightlife

Didcot: smaller but welcoming—look for local LGBTQ+ meetups and “Silver Pride” style gatherings (often via community boards)

Abingdon: charming riverside town with growing inclusive events and a friendly atmosphere

🏛️ Culture with an LGBTQ+ Lens

Ashmolean Museum

Modern Art Oxford

Both regularly include artists/themes or inclusive programming.

🚗 Getting Around

From Courtyard Oxford South Hotel:

Oxford city centre: ~20 min drive / taxi

Abingdon: ~10 min

Didcot: ~10 min

Late-night taxis are your best bet after club nights.